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## **REMARKS**

### **Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 1-16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,796,310. Applicants have included a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness type double patenting rejection. Thus, allowance of Claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

### **Amendment to the Specification**

The related applications section properly includes the series code and serial number (10/270,883) of the parent patent application to which an earlier filing date was claimed. Thus, the benefit claim to the earlier filing date of the parent patent application was effective (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)).

Since the parent patent application (10/270,883) has now issued, Applicants have amended the related applications section to add U.S. Patent No. 6,796,310.

### **Drawings**

Applicants are submitting a replacement sheet for Figure 5A. No new matter has been added.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Applicants have endeavored to address all of the concerns of the Examiner in view of the Office Action directed to the above-identified application. Accordingly, amendments and remarks in support of the patentability of the pending claims are presented above.

In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is specifically requested. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.


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